

Abolition, Slavery, and the Underground Railroad at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library—Our Top Ten Lists

Printed/Published Materials



1. African Americans and the Illinois Constitutions of 1818 and 1848.

Cole, Arthur Charles. *The Constitutional Debates of 1847*. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Volume XIV, Constitution Series, Volume II. Springfield, IL: Illinois State Historical Library, 1919. **F896.8 S7co v. 14**

Jones, John. *The Black Laws of Illinois, and a Few Reasons Why They Should be Repealed*. Chicago: Chicago Tribune Book and Job Office, 1864. **F8969N J77b**

Will County Anti-Slavery Society. *Slave Code of the State of Illinois, Being an Abstract of Those Laws Now in Force in this State, Which Affect the Rights of Colored People, as Such, Both Bond and Free*. Juliet [Joliet], IL: Will Co. Anti-Slavery Society, 1840. **F8969N W689s Vault**

Note: Three items of special interest are noted here relating the dilemma of African American citizens in the “free” state of Illinois.

2. Coffin, Levi. *Reminiscences of Levi Coffin, the Reputed President of the Underground Railroad*. Cincinnati, OH: Western Tract Society, [1876.] **F8339 C675r**

3. Graser, Marlee. *The Sang Collection: a Bibliography*. (2008) **Reading Room**

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Collection: a Bibliography. (2008) **Reading Room**

Note: Together these bibliographies represent finding aids for the Presidential Library’s collections of editions of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and related titles. Variant editions and foreign language editions are among the highlights of these works

4. Hart, Richard. “Spring Creek Series.”

Lincoln’s Springfield: Abel W. Estabrook: Robert Todd Lincoln’s Abolitionist Teacher. (Springfield, IL: Abraham Lincoln Association, c2009) **F896.3 E79**

The Colored Section, Oak Ridge Cemetery: Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.
Springfield, IL: R.E. Hart, c2009. **F896 S3 S225ce (Oak Ridge)**

Lincoln's Springfield—the Early African American Population of Springfield, Illinois: (1818-1861). Springfield, IL: R.E. Hart, c2008. **F896 S76 H3267Li**

Lincoln's Springfield—the Underground Railroad. Springfield, IL: Sangamon County Historical Society, c2006. **F896 S76 H3267Lin**

Note: Several titles in this series highlight topics of interest to students of African American history in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. Hossack, John. [Items relating to the October, 1860, trial of John Hossack].

The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments. New York: American Bible Society, 1857. (Cover imprint: "Presented to Dr. Joseph Stout, now in the Chicago jail for rescuing a fellow man from slavery...; front endsheet: refers patron to the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, volume 8, April, 1915, pp. 23-30)
CBAO B582 1857 Vault

Hossack, John. *Report of the Trial of John Hossack Indicted for Rescuing a Fugitive Slave from the U.S. Deputy Marhsal, at Ottawa, October 20, 1859 [sic].* Chicago: Press & Tribune Steam Book and Job Print. Off., 1860. **KV896 H829 Vault**

----. *Speech of John Hossack Convicted of Violation of the Fugitive Slave Law, before Judge Drummond, of the United District Court of Chicago, Ill.* Chicago: [s.n.], 1860. **F8339 H829s2**

In Memoriam. John Hossack. Deceased Nov. 8, 1891. Ottawa, IL: The Republican-Times, 1892. **F896.3 H829**

6. IL. Anti-Slavery Convention (1837: Upper Alton, IL.). *Proceedings of the Ill. Anti-Slavery Convention: Held at Upper Alton on the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, and twenty-eighth October, 1837.* Alton, [IL.]: Parks and Breath, 1838. **F8339 I29p Vault**

7. Jacobs, Harriet A. *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl. Written by Herself...Edited by L. Maria Child.* Boston: Published for the Author, 1861. **E J17**

Note: The Published collection of the ALPL contains a number of slave narratives similar to this work. Many of these narratives appear in early editions—like this one—and in later, annotated versions.

8. Ransom, James T. *Underground Railroad Routes in Illinois.* [Springfield, IL?: J. T. Ransom, Sr.?] c1993. **GZ896 (1993) R212u Map**

9. Siebert, Wilbur H. *The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom*. New York: Macmillan, 1898. **F8339 S57u**
- . "Underground" Routes to Canada, Showing the Lines of Travel of Fugitive Slaves. New York: Bormoy & Co., 1898. **GZ8339 (1898) S571 Map**
10. Wood River Colored Baptist Association. *Minutes of the ...Annual Meeting of the Wood River Colored Baptist Association*. Alton, IL [etc.] : 1853-1864. **F8967B W878m Vault**

Manuscript Collection

1. Brown, John. *Facsimiles of Speech and Newspaper, 1859 and No Date*. **SC 188**
2. Brush, Daniel Harmon. *[Autobiographical memoir]*. (comments on slavery, esp. Murphysboro) **BV & Microfilm**
3. Casteen, Lucinda. *Letters, 1832-1839*. (correspondence contains observations of southern farmers about African Americans) **SC 2056**
4. Chiriquí Improvement Society. *Papers, 1860-1869*. (colonization of free Negroes in Chiriquí Province, New Granada, Panama) **SC 2081**
5. Coddling, Ichabod. *Family Papers, 1807-1937 (bulk 1836-1883)*. (letters, sermons and speeches on abolition) **Manuscript and Microfilm**
6. Edwards County, Illinois. *Slave Record, 1815-1860*. **BV & Microfilm**
7. Florville, William. *Document: Springfield, Ill., 1857 Sept. 9*. (Springfield Barber and Businessman, 1832-1885). **SC 502**
8. Hinch, Benjamin. *Papers, 1838-1856*. (St. Francisville, LA., plantation insurrections). **SC 1763**
9. Hurlbut, Thaddeus B. *[Notes on Illinois Anti-Slavery Convention.]* **OC 117**
10. Illinois, Circuit Court (Tazewell County). *Circuit Court Transcript, 1839 Nov. 29*. (Lincoln court case involving slave women). **SC 791**
11. Menard, Pierre and Family. *Papers*. **Box & Microfilm**
12. New Salem (Menard County, IL.). *Records, 1828-1836*. (Indentures for black and mulatto girls, c1828-1829). **SC 1101**

13. Siebert, Wilbur H. [Research for material on the Underground Railroad in Illinois].
Microfilm
14. Spencer, Levi. [Congregational minister with abolitionist convictions, 1837-1853].
Box & Microfilm
15. Thomas, Jesse Burgess. *Papers, 1785-1866*. (Re: slavery in territories, 1847; Negro servant, 1827). **SC 1531**
16. Turner, Jonathan B. [Correspondence with abolitionists, 1837-1895]. **Box**

Note: This list is but a small part of the rich collections on Slavery, Emancipation, the Underground Railroad, and the role of African Americans in early Illinois history. Finding aids for this collection can be consulted during a visit or through contact with Manuscript Staff, since many collections are not yet fully cataloged.

Audio-Visual Collection

1. **B-464** (*The Last Speech to the Citizens of Alton, by Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, Who Was Murdered...*)
2. **B-1231** (*Cincinnati, March 1st, 1841. Brethren and Friends: at a Recent State Convention of Abolitionists...*)
3. **B-2318** (*Elijah P. Lovejoy [facsimile signature] Was Born at Albion, Maine, 1802...*)
4. **B-3949** (*State Convention: the Present Aspect of the Slavery Question in this Country...*)
5. Slavery (folder contains prints depicting slaves, illustrations from Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, as well as the photograph of Gordon the Slave, displaying his scarred back, and a copy showing the slave known as Chinn in chains)
6. Abolitionist folder (contains a photograph of Kansas Abolitionist, labeled "Abolitionist Editor," featuring a man, seated, with a handgun)
7. Elijah Lovejoy folder (contains images of Lovejoy, the burning of his press, the Lovejoy Memorial monument, etc.)
8. Elijah Lovejoy, Alton, Illinois folder (contains images of Lovejoy items as mentioned above)
9. Negroes—Plantation (folder contains print reproductions depicting slaves and photographs of slaves at southern plantations taken during the war)

Newspaper/Microfilm Collection

1. Lovejoy, Elijah. *Alton Observer*. Alton, Illinois, 1836-1838.
St. Louis Observer. St. Louis, [Missouri.], 1833-1836.
2. *Edwardsville Spectator*. Edwardsville, Illinois, 1819-1826.
3. *Western Citizen*. Chicago, Illinois, 1842-1852.
4. *The Free West*. Chicago, Illinois, 1853-1855.
5. *The Western Citizen and Chicago Weekly Times*. Chicago, Illinois, 1852-1853.
6. *Lake County Visiter [sic]*. Little Fort [Waukegan], Illinois, 1847-1800s.
7. *Champion of Freedom*. Polo, Ogle County, Illinois, 1857-1850s.
8. *Genius of Liberty*. Lowell, La Salle County, Illinois, 1840-1842.
9. American Home Missionary Society. [*Illinois letters, 1816-1898*].
10. American Missionary Association. [*Illinois correspondence*].
11. (published collection) *Antislavery Newspapers and Periodicals*, v. 1-3, edited by John W. Blassingame and Mae G. Henderson. Boston: G.K. Hall, c1980-1984. **AI A633**



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